

173. A method as set forth in claim 172 further comprising establishing a seal between the probe and the fill port before injecting said quantity of fluid, and maintaining said seal until after closure of said valve.

174. A method as set forth in claim 173 wherein said seal between the probe and the fill port is established upon inserting the probe into the fill port and said seal is maintained during a least a portion of said withdrawal of the probe from the fill port.

175. A method as set forth in claim 173 wherein said quantity of fluid is in the range of 1-100 ml.

176. A method as set forth in claim 175 wherein said vessels are pressurized to pressures greater than about 10 psig.

177. A method as set forth in claim 172 wherein said probe is moved by a robot system under the control of a computer.

REMARKS

Applicants have elected to cancel original claims 1-162 solely for the purpose of prosecuting new claims in this divisional application. These new claims better encompass the full scope and breadth of certain aspects of the present invention, notwithstanding applicants' belief that the original claims directed to these aspects would have been allowable. It is submitted, therefore, that no claims have been narrowed within

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the meaning of *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*

Favorable consideration and an early allowance of this application is requested.

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